

REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-74 were presented for examination. Claims 66-74 have been cancelled by amendment.

In the office action mailed May 27, 2005 (the "Office Action"), a restriction requirement was set forth by the Examiner. As indicated in the Office Action, claims 1-11, 20-31, and 40-65 were elected for examination. Claims 12-19 and 32-39 have been withdrawn from further consideration. Upon the allowance of claims 1-5, 25, and 26, identified by the Examiner as being generic claims, consideration of claims 12-19 and 32-39 is requested.

The Examiner also rejected claims 60 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and claims 44-47, 51-62, and 64 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-11, 20-31, and 40-65 were also objected to by the Examiner because of informalities.

Claim 60 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and claims 44, 51, 57, and 59, have been amended to overcome the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The amendment made to claims 44, 51, 57, and 59, have been made to expedite the allowance of allowable subject matter. Applicants have not addressed the merits of the Examiner's rejection of the claims. Consequently, the amendments should not be interpreted as reflecting Applicants' belief that, as indicated by the Examiner, the claims are lacking essential steps, or that the subject matter of the unamended claims is unpatentable, or that the Applicants have forfeited the subject matter of the unamended claims. Therefore, the presumption that Applicants have tacitly acknowledged the merits of the Examiner's rejections by making the previously discussed amendments should not be made.

With respect to the Examiner's objection to claims 1-11, 20-31, and 40-65, the claim amendments suggested by the Examiner have been made, with the following exceptions.

The amendment to add the phrase "(CSC)" to claim 1 was not made because claim 20 has been amended to remove reference to a "CSC."

The amendment to claim 30 adding "collectively" was not made because the amendment would inaccurately characterize the subject matter to which claim 30 is directed. Claim 30 has been amended instead to recite "respective" first and second capacitors, identifying the first and second capacitors as belonging to each switching circuit.

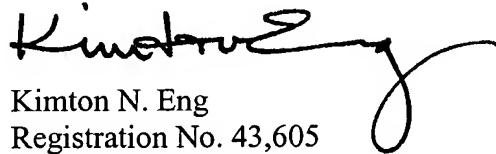
The amendments to claims 45, 57, 58, 59, and 63 to include the text "each of" the data signals was not made because the claims as written are sufficiently clear as to which data signals are referenced throughout the respective claims.

It will be apparent from the amendments made to the claims with respect to the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, and the Examiner's objections based on informalities, that none of the amendments narrow or further limit the scope of the invention as recited by the respective claim. Generally, the amendments make explicit what is implicit in the claim, add language that is inherent in the unamended claim, or merely redefine a claim term that is previously apparent from the description in the specification. Consequently, the amendments should not be construed as being "narrowing amendments," because these amendments were not made for a substantial reason related to patentability.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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